CITY OF VANCOUVER

SPECIAL COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 9, 1978

PUBLIC HEARING

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 9, 1978, at 7:30 p.m., in the gymnasium of Jericho Hill School, 4125 West 8th Avenue, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning and Development By-law, No. 3575.

PRESENT: Mayor Volrich

Aldermen Brown, Ford, Gerard, Gibson,

Harcourt, Kennedy, Puil and Rankin

ABSENT: Alderman Bellamy

Alderman Marzari

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: R. Henry, Deputy City Clerk

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Rankin, SECONDED by Ald. Gibson,

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Volrich in the Chair, to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To aid the public present for the hearing, the Clerk read from the agenda that the Council had before it.

1. Rezoning - both sides of Sasamat Street between Belmont and Hadden Avenues

The Director of Planning has made an application to rezone Lots 12 and 13, Block 129 and Lot 27 Amended, Block 130, all in D.L. 540, located both sides of Sasamat Street between Belmont and Hadden Avenues:

From: C-1 Commercial District

To: RS-1 One Family Dwelling District

The Director of Planning recommended approval of the application.

Mr. R. Youngberg, Associate Director, Area Planning, advised that a majority of the lots being rezoned are City-owned. The proposal will rezone the lots from C-1 to RS-1 with the exception of the existing store and dwelling units contained in the building of the northeast corner of Sasamat and Belmont. The rezoning would also bring the existing residents on Lot 13 into conformity in terms of its land use. If the land remains C-1 it could be developed with commercial use e.g., restaurant. The intent of the Public Hearing is to rezone the land and not to discuss the disposition of the lands as this is a matter that will be before Council at a later date.

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Council heard the following speakers:

- Mr. W. Chalmers, Chairman of the North West Point Grey Homeowners' Association, representing 200 families in the immediate vicinity of the lots in question, spoke in support of rezoning to single family. The Association has no objection to the continuance of the store as C-1.
- Mr. R.O. Kornelsen presented a brief on behalf of the Save Our Parkland Association, opposing the rezoning as it is being done to prepare the City-owned lands for housing purposes.
- Mrs. M. McClosky presented a brief on behalf of the Vancouver Council of Women, opposing any proposal that would make it difficult to carry out the purchase of Block 130 to provide more park land for Locarno Beach. When questioned Mrs. McClosky stated the Council of Women did not oppose the rezoning to residential.
- Mrs. M. Piggott presented a brief opposing the rezoning.
- Mrs. D. Gillis presented a brief and stated she concurs with the rezoning to RS-1.
- Mr. P. Taylor, speaking on behalf of the Dunbar, West Point Grey, Southlands Association, stated there were a number of planning issues in the areas that have to be resolved. The proposed rezoning might inhibit other planning decisions in the Jericho/Locarno area.
- Mr. W. Delmonico stated he was in favour of the rezoning with the exception of Lot 13. He felt the people who owned the property should make the decision whether they want their property rezoned from C-1 to RS-1.
- Mrs. L. Truman, owner of Lot 13, stated they had not been approached about the rezoning and feel they would like to leave it as it is because the taxes may be changed if the property is rezoned to residential. The Mayor advised that the rezoning would have no affect on the assessed value of the property for taxation purposes.
- Mr. D. Conder, on behalf of the West Point Grey Community Association, advised that the Directors of the Association voted unanimously to support the rezoning.
- The owner of the property directly south of Lots 12 and 13 favoured the rezoning as he would much rather have residences than a commercial venture.

The Mayor called for any other speakers and none appeared.

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MOVED by Ald. Puil,

THAT the rezoning application be not approved.

- LOST

(Aldermen Brown, Ford, Gibson, Harcourt, Kennedy and the Mayor opposed)

MOVED by Ald. Brown,

THAT the rezoning application be approved.

- CARRIED

(Aldermen Gerard, Puil and Rankin opposed)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,

SECONDED by Ald. Gibson,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted and the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare and bring in the necessary amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) of February 9, 1978, adopted on February 21, 1978.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK